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SUBJ: BURMA AIRWAYS CORPORATION'S ATTEMPT AT NEW AIR ROUTE

REF: (A) HONG KONG 14241, (B) RANGOON 2433

1. BURMA AIRWAYS CORPORATION (BAC), FORMERLY UNION OF BURMA AIRWAYS (UBA), HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO SECURE RIGHTS FOR AN AIR ROUTE FROM RANGOON VIA BANGKOK, VIENTIANE, HANOI AND CANTON TO HONG KONG FOR SOME TIME. AS REF (A) POINTS OUT, PROSPECTS FOR SPEEDY USE OF THIS ROUTE ARE DIM.

2. BAC DOES NOT NOW HAVE AN AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE TO SERVICE THIS ROUTE. ANOTHER F-28 IS SCHEDULED TO BE DELIVERED IN MID-1977. (SEE REF B). THUS, FLIGHTS CANNOT BEGIN BEFORE JUNE OF 1977 AT
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THE EARLIEST.

3. PILOTS FOR THIS ROUTE WILL NOT BE A MAJOR PROBLEM, HOWEVER. WHILE SOME BAC PILOTS WERE SUSPENDED PENDING AN INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED DRUG SMUGGLING AND CURRENCY VIOLATIONS, MOST OF THESE MEN HAVE NOW BEEN REINSTATED.

4. BAC OFFICIALS SUSPECT THAT BRITISH AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN DELAYING MAKING TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR AIR CONTROL HAND-OFF FROM HANOI AND/OR CANTON TO HONG VFR. THEY BELIEVE THAT HONG KONG WILL DELAY MAKING THE TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS UNTIL A BRITISH FLAG CARRIER ALSO HAS SIMILAR RIGHTS.

5. IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT ANY BAC SCHEDULE FOR THIS ROUTE WOULD CONTEMPLATE THE ELIMINATION OF THE BANGKOK STOP, THE MOST LUCRATIVE STOP ON THE ROUTE.

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